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Mr. Joseph Bercik  
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Re: The EPA Hazard Ranking System (HRS)

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



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Dear Mr. Bercik:

As you are aware, your facility is presently undergoing an evaluation by EPA that will result in an HRS score. A score of 28.5 or higher will cause your facility to be placed on the National Priority List (NPL). A lower score may entail a State required cleanup. Our experience with the HRS scoring system can help you avoid an improper high score, and the associated costs.

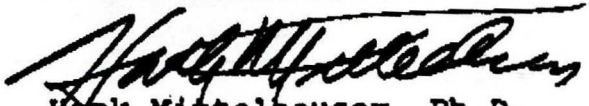
Mittelhauser Corporation is an Environmental/Geotechnical Engineering company with over 12 years of experience. Our clients include Amoco Oil, DuPont, Texaco, Pacific Gas and Electric, Dow Chemical, Mobil Oil, and Koppers. Almost all of our work is related to hazardous wastes. We are currently performing Remedial Investigations/Feasibility Studies (RI/FS), RCRA closures, and environmental audits at approximately 40 hazardous waste sites.

Because Mittelhauser Corporation employs experienced geologists, engineers, and environmental scientists, we can assemble a team that meets your specific CERCLA needs. Our CERCLA services in the Midwest are headed by Ron St. John. As former Geotechnical Manager for Ecology and Environment (E&E), the current EPA contractor for HRS scoring, Mr. St. John was responsible for geotechnical activities that resulted in HRS scores for over sixty (60) Midwest sites. Our staff is exceptionally familiar with the HRS model, its limitations, and how it will be used by E&E during their site scoring activities. This is particularly important due to the introduction of the ESI (Expanded Site Inspection).

If you would like to discuss the HRS model and the implications for your facility, please give Ron or me a call.

Sincerely,

MITTELHAUSER CORPORATION

  
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